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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2004. This response is timely because it is being filed within the one month period set for response.

In the Action, the Examiner has requested that further examination on the merits be limited to one of two inventions:

- Claims 1-6 Drawn to a system for coating chewing gum I. cores, classified in class 118, subclass 19
- Claims 6-15 Drawn to a method for coating chewing gum cores, II. classified in class 426, subclass 5

In response, the Applicant hereby elects Claims 6-15 for examination at this time. This election is being made with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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